

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application and entry of the foregoing amendments under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.116 are respectfully requested.

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 through 6 and 8 through 14.

On page 3 of the office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7; further, applicant has amended claim 11 to include the limitations of claim 15. Applicant has cancelled claims 5 through 10 and claim 15. Claims 2 through 4, which are dependent on the amended claim 1, which the Examiner previously indicated would be allowable, should be allowable as well. Claims 12 through 14, which are dependent on the amended claim 11, which the Examiner previously indicated would be allowable, should be allowable as well.

The foregoing amendments should place the application in condition for allowance, and allowance of claims 1 through 4 and 11 through 14 is requested.

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